

4107(b)), I transmit herewith the Fifth Biennial Report of the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (February 1, 1992, to January 31, 1994).

**William J. Clinton**

The White House,  
March 2, 1994.

**Statement on the Attack on Jewish Students in Brooklyn, New York**

*March 2, 1994*

This afternoon, I spoke with the family of Aaron Halberstam, the Lubavitcher student who was critically wounded by gunfire in Brooklyn yesterday. My prayers are with them, with their son, and with all of those affected by this spasm of brutal violence. It is an outrage that this crime, which has overtones of a hate crime, could occur in our American community. And it is a tragedy that such a tender, intelligent boy could be the victim of such brutality and immutable violence.

For American Jewry, as for all of us, our country's unique tradition of tolerance and religious freedom makes us a refuge from the hatred and inhumanity that divides so many other cultures in this world. We respect the humanity we find in each other, and anything which attacks the bonds of community which unite us is an attack on us all.

I commend the New York City Police Department for its swift and apparently successful investigation of this crime, and I would appeal to all men and women of good will—shocked as we are by this violence—to be calm and respectful of our system of justice. Those of us fighting for the safety and security of our neighborhoods, and for America's religious and cultural freedoms, will prevail.

**Nomination for Ambassador to Bahrain**

*March 2, 1994*

The President today named David M. Ransom as the United States Ambassador to the State of Bahrain.

"David Ransom's extensive background in foreign affairs and dedicated service to the

United States will be a great asset to this Nation," the President said. "I am pleased to announce his nomination, and I look forward to his appointment."

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

**Nomination for Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission**

*March 2, 1994*

The President today announced his intention to nominate Rachelle B. Chong as a member of the Federal Communications Commission.

"I am confident that Rachelle Chong's experience and commitment in the area of telecommunications will prove invaluable to this most important committee," the President said. "I am happy to nominate her to the position."

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

**Appointment of Chair and Vice Chairs of the President's Committee on the Employment of People With Disabilities**

*March 2, 1994*

The President today announced the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chairs of the President's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities. Appointments include Tony Coelho as Chair of the Committee, Neil Jacobson as Vice Chair, and Karen Meyer as Vice Chair.

"I am pleased to announce these appointments," the President said. "I believe the designation of such a dedicated and experienced group of people will provide valuable perspective to the administration and emphasize our strong commitment to the community of people with disabilities."

NOTE: Biographies of the appointees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary